

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMENDING MASTER SERGEANT
GERARD G. BABAUTA

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 15, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the military service of Master Sergeant Gerard G. Babauta, who will be retiring on April 1, 2004. MSgt. Babauta has honorably served in the U.S. Air Force since March 1984. In the past 3 years he has selflessly deployed to Saudi Arabia twice so others would not have to leave their families. This is indicative of his service and attitude. He has always given his utmost in service to others, dedication to country, and honor to the U.S. Air Force.

As a native son of Guam, MSgt. Babauta continues a proud history of military service to our country. He stands alongside other proud Chamorros who have answered the call of duty to defend our Nation and its ideals. We thank MSgt. Babauta for his two decades of service to his country and wish him well as he pursues other endeavors. We also recognize his wife Theresa, daughter Sara, and son Matthew, who have stood by MSgt. Babauta as he has dutifully served his Nation.

TRIBUTE TO MEDRAD, INC.

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 15, 2003

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate Medrad, Inc. for receiving the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. This award is managed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology in conjunction with the private sector and honors achievements in quality and business excellence in manufacturing. Medrad received the news of its achievement in November from U.S. Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans, and I had the pleasure of attending the company's announcement. The award is a tribute to Medrad's President and CEO, John P. Friel, and his excellent team of workers.

Medrad, Inc., a company specializing in medical imaging, is headquartered in Indianola, Pennsylvania, and employs more than 1,000 people in fifteen locations around the world. Medical imaging is an important tool used to explore the vast terrain of the human body and Medrad has proven itself worthy of this award. With its dedication to continually improving the quality of their work, Medrad has become a business leader in the fourth district.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Medrad, Inc. on their accomplishment of receiving the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

IN RECOGNITION OF HAMAZKAYIN
ARMENIAN EDUCATIONAL AND
CULTURAL SOCIETY'S 75TH ANNI-
VERSARY WORLDWIDE AND 35TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISH-
MENT IN CALIFORNIA

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 15, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society as it celebrates its 75th anniversary worldwide and 35th anniversary of its establishment in California. Hamazkayin Armenian Educational and Cultural Society was founded by a group of community leaders on May 28, 1928, in Cairo, Egypt, with the objective of providing a sound education to the new generation and preserving the ethnic identity and cultural heritage of the Armenian people, forced to live outside their homeland after the 1915 genocide and the fall, in 1920, of the First Republic of Armenia.

Subsequently, Hamazkayin Chapters sprouted throughout the Middle East, Europe, the United States, Canada, South America and Armenia to instill, perpetuate and preserve the centuries old Armenian culture. Hamazkayin established several schools and centers of learning. In 1930, Jemaran, an elementary and high school was founded in Beirut, Lebanon and it continues to be an important educational center in the Middle East. Similar schools were established in 1976 in Marseille, France and in 1986 in Sydney, Australia. In addition, Hamazkayin has an advanced learning institute for Armenian language and literature, as well as a printing press and publishing house in Beirut, Lebanon.

The Western USA Executive Board of Hamazkayin supervises the operations of eight chapters and seven special committees operating in Southern California, Fresno and San Francisco. This non-profit organization, run solely by dedicated and tireless volunteers, sponsors a plethora of activities including lectures, seminars, after-school workshops, commemorative events, exhibitions, concerts, recitals, traditional dance ensembles, dramatic arts troupes and choirs. The Western USA Executive Board's seven special committees, namely Music, Art, Contemporary and Heritage Committees, Ani Dance Company, Sarmayan Theater Company and Armenian Folk Instrument Orchestra, have one common goal: the conservation of the Armenian intellectual legacy and the promotion of cultural values. The activities of these Special Committees include preservation of classical, folk and popular music, performances of traditional and ethnic dances in authentic costumes, promotion of theatrical arts, presentation of social conventions and traditions throughout the centuries, as well as encouragement and support to talented young artists.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Hamazkayin's innumerable accomplishments

over the years. I ask all members of the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Hamazkayin's 35 years of contributions to the ethnic diversity of the United States by nurturing the Armenian traditions and national heritage and sharing these cultural values with other communities, especially in California.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2673,
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIA-
TIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the members of my subcommittee staff who have put in very long hours to produce the C-J-S portion of the omnibus appropriations bill. All members of the staff have worked long, hard hours through what was a difficult conference.

I would like to particularly thank Mike Ringle, clerk of the subcommittee, who has led the subcommittee through the House and Senate conference. I would also like to thank Christine Kojac, John Martens, and Leslie Albright, for their tireless efforts.

I also would like to thank the detailees, Anne Marie Goldsmith and Alan Lang, who have added their own expertise to help make the C-J-S portion of this bill great.

In my personal office, I would like to thank Dan Scandling, Janet Shaffron, J.T. Griffin, Samantha Stockman, and Neil Seifring for their efforts and work with the subcommittee.

Finally, I would commend David Pomerantz and Rob Nabors of the minority staff for their input and help in this truly bipartisan bill.

CONGRATULATING DAVID
CRISOSTOMO

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 15, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate David Crisostomo, a distinguished young journalist from Guam for his selection for the "Gannett Newsroom Supervisor Recognition Award for 2003." As one of sixteen newsroom managers recognized from a pool of sixty national finalists, the Gannett award is presented in recognition of exemplary leadership.

David began his career as a newsroom intern with the Pacific Daily News in 1992 and became a local news reporter in 1996. He served as a lifestyle reporter, assistant lifestyle editor and assistant local news editor; quickly working his way up the ranks to be appointed local news editor in December 2002.

David's selection for the Gannett award was based on the performance of his duties when

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